



# THE VIRGIN ISLANDS WATER & POWER AUTHORITY CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS NEWS RELEASE

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## Authority Visits Elementary School Students, Career Education Week



*WAPA employees explain electricity to students using Power Town display.*

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS – Career Education Week saw the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority head to Juanita Gardine Elementary School on St. Croix and Addelita Cancryn Junior High School (“Cancryn”) on St. Thomas to share with students the diverse career paths available within the energy and utility industry sectors.

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During the Authority’s visit to Juanita Gardine Elementary School, employees shared what a day in the life of an electrical engineer, lineman, line supervisor and clerk dispatcher entailed and how teamwork is essential to ensuring success. On St. Thomas, the Authority’s Human Resources (HR) team spoke with Cancryn students about HR’s vital role in recruiting valuable talent for the Authority, and emphasized the importance of maintaining good study habits and completing their high school education.

“There are so many unique career opportunities that even adults aren’t aware of that exist within the Authority. Sharing this knowledge with young students is one of the first steps in planting the seeds of possibility. When I was growing up, I really was unclear about what I wanted to do career-wise. I believe dedicating time early on to speak with students about all the diverse career paths available is of great value,” notes Marquis McGregor, Electrical Engineer Level II at the Authority.

A heartfelt thank you is extended to the Human Resources and Transmission & Distribution Departments for their participation in Career Education Week on behalf of the Authority.

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**About WAPA:** The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority is an autonomous agency of the Virgin Islands Government which produces and distributes electricity and drinking water to residential and commercial customers in the territory. WAPA was created by the Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands in 1964 through Act No. 1248. Today, WAPA generates electrical power at production plants on St. Thomas and St. Croix and distributes electrical service through smart grids to customers on St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. John, Hassel Island, and Water Island. Potable water is distributed to almost 13,000 customers through water lines and standpipes. WAPA also has the responsibility of installing and maintaining streetlights.